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PREFACE

The X-15 experimental research program was begun officially with the first flight June 8, 1959. The program was discontinued in 1968. In that decade of testing the X-15 achieved speed and altitude records and demonstrated that earth exit and re-entry were well within the capability of a trained pilot. The knowledge gained from the test program contributed to the success of the manned space flight program.

The X-15 was also used for a variety of experiments; photographing stars from high altitude, micrometeorite collecting and earth horizon scanning as a navigational reference for the Apollo astronauts.

This listing of books, periodicals and documents on the X-15, rocket-assisted aircraft, was prepared by the STC staff of the KSC Library in response to an expressed individual need and is tailored to the requester's requirements.

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